A RESOLUTION to honor Ron Willis for his outstanding service to Memphis, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to recognize those outstanding Tennesseans who have served their various communities with dedication to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Ron Willis of Memphis, Tennessee is one such eminent public servant, who has meritoriously served as a police officer with the Memphis Police Department for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his excellent service to Memphis, he has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, a long time resident of Memphis, Mr. Willis has proven to be a valuable asset to the community during his tenure with the Memphis Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis evinces his concern for the community in which he resides, serving on several commendable community organizations including, the Memphis LEAP Organization, where he serves as Chairman; the Inter City Development Corporation, where he serves as Vice-President; the Memphis Area Community Reinvestment Organization (M.A.C.R.O.); the Tennessee Black Caucus Legislators Criminal Justice Panel; the Young Democrats Club; and he also serves as a Coach of the Memphis Police Department Midnight Basketball Program; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Crisis Intervention Team and the Alternate-Field

Training Officer Program, Mr. Willis dedicates his time to ensure the safety of the many citizens of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis serves as the Neighborhood Watch Spokesman for the North Precinct and also serves on the Officer of the Month Selection Committee where he is responsible for assisting with the nomination and selection of those outstanding officers who deserve recognition for their bravery and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis is most assuredly a blessed man, because he shares the love and companionship of his beautiful wife Tonya Eddings Willis and his two beautiful daughters, Wendy and Rhonda; and

WHEREAS, this body is proud to honor the dedication and diligence of one of Tennessee's most outstanding law enforcement officers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Ron Willis for his outstanding service to the city of Memphis and this great state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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